

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2006. Claims 1-35 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12, 17-23, 26-32 and 35 are rejected. Claims 13-16, 24-25, 33 and 34 are allowed. Claims 13-16, 24-25, 33 and 34 remain in the application.

The Examiner rejected Claims 5, 11, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has cancelled Claims 5, 11, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32 and 35 rendering the rejection moot.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-12, 17-23, 26-32 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,297,143 by Fridrich et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,629,149 by Fraser et al. Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-12, 17-23, 26-32 and 35 rendering the rejection moot.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 13-16, 24-25, 33 and 34 recite allowable subject matter and the Claim limitations are not found in the prior art. Applicant respectfully thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and asks that Claims 13-16, 24-25, 33 and 34 be passed to issue in a U.S. Patent.

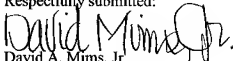
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the

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Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned. No additional fee is seen to be required. However, if required, please charge any necessary fees in support of this amendment to Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Respectfully submitted:

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